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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
Executive Officer  
Operations Coordinating Board  
SUBJECT: PSB D-31

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The weekly OCB status report shows PSB paper D-31 as having been assigned to CIA for action. This paper, the so-called "[REDACTED] Paper," was prepared during the summer of 1952, was conditionally approved by the PSB in September 1952 and formally approved in November 1952. It is entitled "A Strategic Concept for a National Psychological Program" and deals primarily with covert operations. Aside from a valuable general discussion, its principal recommendations are for certain studies and plans to be made by CIA.

Several subsequent PSB papers with respect to specific areas cover some of the same ground. Other recommendations are embraced in specific operational plans which have been developed by CIA, some of which are pursuant to NSC papers issued since 1952. In general, the emphasis has shifted from the idea of so-called psychological programs as such to the inclusion of informational and propaganda aspects as well as covert operations as adjuncts of over-all national policies.

Accordingly, it is believed by CIA that it is no longer necessary to consider D-31 as a separate paper requiring independent treatment. The studies and plans suggested are either included under other OCB items or have been incorporated in CIA planning under its basic charter.

CIA recommends, therefore, that the paper D-31 be considered as superseded and that the item relating to it be deleted from the OCB list of pending matters.

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